

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Humplemen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,288,716), in view of Mano et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,793,366). In view of the filing of a CPA, Applicant requests the Examiner to remove Humplemen et al as a reference against the claims of the present application.

Effective November 29, 1999, subject matter which was prior art under former 35 U.S.C. § 103 solely via 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is now disqualified as prior art against the claimed invention if that subject matter and the claimed invention “were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person” (*see*, MPEP § 706.02(l)(1)). This change to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) applies to all utility applications filed on or after November 29, 1999, including continued prosecution applications (CPAs) filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). The present application and USP 6,288,716 were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Samsung Electronics Co.

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Accordingly, Applicant submits that the CPA being filed herewith disqualifies Humplemen as a prior art reference under § 103(c), as it is being filed after November 29, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

1. (Four times amended) A method for displaying changes in operation states of network devices on a display screen of a client device which operates as a client in a network where various digital devices connected to the network operate as the client or as servers, [said various digital devices having a protocol layer which is the same as an internet protocol stack on an upper network communication layer,] the method comprising the steps of:

(a) establishing a communication channel by the client device with respect to server devices;

(b) receiving a predetermined signal that indicates changes in the operation states of the server devices from the server devices by the client device and displaying the change in the operation state of a specific server device on a screen thereof.

6. (Amended) A method for a server device to communicate with a client device in a network where various digital devices connected to the network operate as the client or as servers, [said various digital devices having a protocol layer which is the same as an internet protocol stack on an upper network communication layer,] the method comprising the steps of:

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transmitting a re-determined signal for indicating changes in the operation states of the server device to the client device when the server device performs a predetermined operation and stops the operation or performs another operation.